



Seasons of Louisiana with Dianne Cage

Boy, have we been bad! This past Sunday, July 14, Mike and I made a secret pact... We were going to get up early, skip church, turn Wimbledon on and watch Djokovic & Federer. A fight to the last shot, what a match! Djokovic tops Federer for his fifth Wimbledon trophy. I was exhausted. Thank goodness I could get up, move around, cook a little, water flowers, feed the fish and sit back down for another round of nearly five tense and terrific hours. Mike and I have been so blessed to have been to Wimbledon, Center Court, The Debenture Club, strawberries, scones, Pimms Cup and all the trimmings at least 15 times or more, over these last 30 years. We were happy to be watching our old stomping grounds in the comfort of our home. That was a long match. I bet Princess Kate was worried about her baby sitter.

This past Sunday, we did make it to church and Sunday School to an amazing service. The packed sanctuary had a surreal feeling with the magnificent stained glass window of Christ lit up with golden rays of sunshine. You truly felt the presence of the Lord! The choir being on vacation this month, we have guests musicians. Last week, we were really sorry we missed "The Oden Family." We heard they were fabulous! This past Sunday, MARY RUDD, piano special was "The Battle Belongs to The Lord" and "Blessed Be The Tie That Binds." A Royal Academy performance! Our minister R.B. MOORE'S message, "What Does God Look Like" was perfect! I can't wait for next Sunday! We made it home in time to enjoy The British Open. Portrush, Northern Ireland, hometown boy SHANE LOWRY made the 68 years between British Opens in Northern Ireland worth the wait. The excitement of the crowd was catching! I love Sunday!

CAROLYN TRAWICK shared an exciting happening: Christus Shreveport-Bossier Systems announces a new CEO, DR. STEEN TRAWICK. Steen is a product of Ouachita High School and St. Paul's Methodist Church. Mike and I had married in 1989. Shortly after I said "I do," and with Mike being in the medical reserves, Uncle Sam told him to get his stethoscope and meet him in Saudi Arabia for about six months. One Sunday I was all alone, sitting in church all by myself, feeling depressed. This young man gets up during the middle of the service, comes and sits close to me, puts his arm around my shoulder and warmed my heart. He helped take that old sad feeling away, and it was young STEEN TRAWICK!

Celebrate! NELSIE & JIM BERSHEN ... their 65th wedding anniversary and Jim's 90th Birthday! Come join us for twice the fun as we celebrate a two for one ... July 12, 2019. The best invitation ever! I wish I could have thought of that! Nelsie has a style, The Power of Style, that is up there with Mary Cassat, mixed in with Jackie Kennedy, Coco Chanel, Patou, Tony Duquette, Florenz (Flo) Ziegfeld, her look and style are her very own. What an amazing party and what an amazing woman! Their home and art are something great coffee table books are written about. Everything is in harmony, pleasing, consistent with all good. A wonderful time was had by all! I hope Victor Cascio got to see her home; he would have loved it. I want to go back and as Hillyer Speed Lamkin said, "Go to the Frick Museum and train your eye!" I say go to the Bershen's and train your eye!" Fabulous!

Kaydell Curry Jackson, my old friend of these last 50 years, passed away this middle of July! I talked to her most every day. Yes, I will miss her. Happy memories last forever. When Mike Cage was called to Desert Storm, Kaydell sent him the Monroe Paper, and two or three packages a week, loaded with all kinds of treats. One of Mike's and his tent mates' favorites was a big plastic bottles of rubbing alcohol that had been emptied and filled with a very good Vodka. It was a court-martial offense to have alcohol in Saudi Arabia or to be caught with it. All of Mike's tent mates wanted Kaydell to be their Pen Pal. Everyone got excited when almost daily packages arrived from "QUEENIE."

Dr. Elaine Fichter Mickey, my friend and neighbor passed away this early July. She was 99. I met her personally about 30 years ago. My mother's doctor was Dr. Joe Mickey so I knew who she was. Later in my life with children of my own, going through personal problems, moving into the Garden District, not far from her home on Glenmar and North Third, I would see her in and out, around and about the neighborhood, jogging on the levee, I felt like I knew her. Her sternness, serious, unrelenting and strict personality warmed me and made me feel close to her and someone I could trust. I just liked her! I was worried about something very close to me and did not know where to turn. I prayed, worried and knocked on her door one late afternoon, with my treasure, my daughter. She said, "You can do anything you set your heart to... fly with the eagles, soar in the sun, you do not have to be afraid of anything." Her wisdom and strength were true and amazing! I feel very blessed to have called her my friend and neighbor!



FROM LEFT: Dianne and Mike Cage, Joe and Ann LeDoux, and Dr. Jack Tom Jackson and Kaydell.



ABOVE: Dr. T. Stern Trawick.

LEFT: The Bershens.

LETS COOK!

Tomato Basil Pie

Best with summer tomatoes and garden fresh basil.
This is good with anything!

- 1 prepared pie crust
- 3 or 4 tomatoes, sliced fairly thick, blot with paper towel.
- 2 Tablespoons fresh basil, chopped
- 1 cup mozzarella cheese, grated
- 1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 cup Kraft Mayo
- ½ teaspoon red pepper

Brush bottom of pie crust with a little butter. Bake at 400 degrees for 5 minutes. Slightly cool.

Place blotted tomato slices in bottom of crust. Sprinkle with basil.

Mix cheese, mayo and pepper. Pat on top of tomato basil. Bake 400 degrees for about 15 to 20 minutes. Cool slightly and serve warm. I love this the next day cold.

Enjoy Summer and be kind to all! I look forward to the next time...

Dianne

LSU Alumni Association announces Young Alumni Advisory Council

BATON ROUGE — The LSU Alumni Association has selected 13 LSU alumni to serve on the first Young Alumni Advisory Council. The association established this council to improve engagement with this unique group and to help guide future initiatives as a result of its recently launched strategic plan.

The members represent cities both in Louisiana and across the United States as well as a wide range of

businesses, in order to best represent the LSU young alumni population. The members are:

- Mark Kent Anderson, Corporate Sales at Mid South Extrusion Inc., Monroe, La.
- Alden Cartwright, Business Development Director at Edelberg and Associates, Baton Rouge, La.
- Pedro Cobos, Assistant Partnerships Manager at Shorelight Education, Dallas, Texas

- Dorothy Kemp, Director of Educational Services at LSU Center for Student Athletes, Baton Rouge, La.
- Bailey Kidd, Business Development Manager at Danos, Lafayette, La.
- John Lierley, Business Manager at Flexion Therapeutics, Austin, Texas
- Carlton Miller, Attorney at FWD.us, Washington, D.C.
- Philip Ollendike, Risk Consulting Manager at Ernst & Young, Houston,

- Texas
- Katy Stuart, Account Manager at The Marketing Arm, Dallas, Texas
- Truman VanVeckhoven, Financial Advisor at Merrill Lynch, New Orleans, La.
- Adam West, Commercial Banking at Progressive Bank, Shreveport, La.
- Theo Williams, Associate of Investor Relations at Cadre, New York, N.Y.
- John Woodard, Graduate Student in Tulane MBA Program, New Orleans, La.

The council will serve as a streamlined focus group and provide key insight and feedback on engagement, development, and fundraising. Members will connect back with their alma mater and network with fellow alumni while also working to better support young and future alumni to build increased and enhanced connection to each other and to the University. The council's goal will be to incite ideas and initiatives that help the

association best serve and provide value to this demographic.

The council will meet four times a year and will help to host the association's inaugural Young Alumni Tailgate before the LSU vs. Auburn game on Oct. 26.

To learn more about these individuals, go to lsualumni.org/blog/young-alumni-advisory-council. For information on the LSU Alumni Association go to lsualumni.org.



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